

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Kelly et al.

Serial No.: 09/384,895

Examiner: S. Rimell

Filed: August 27, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2175

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASE**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
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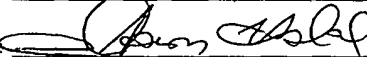
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

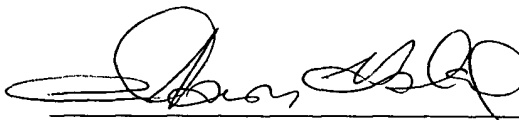
Sir:

Applicants hereby request a **three month extension of time** for responding to the outstanding Office Action of January 13, 2003. The extended period for response expires on **July 14, 2003** (July 13 being a Sunday). Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 in the amount of \$465.00 for this three month extension for a small entity. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. **50-0540**. Applicants note that a continuation application is being filed concurrently, claiming priority to the above-referenced application. Accordingly, no further response to the Office Action will be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 14, 2003

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